

# The Echoing Green, Do They Know It's Christmas

It's Christmas time  
No need to be afraid  
At Christmas time, we let in light  
And we banish shade  
In a world of plenty, we can spread a smile of joy  
Throw your arms around the world  
At Christmas time

If I could say a prayer  
And pray for the other ones  
At Christmas time, it's hard  
But when you're having fun  
There's a world outside your window  
And it's a world of dread and fear  
Where the only water flowing  
Is the bitter sting of tears  
And the Christmas bells that ring there  
Are the clanging chimes of doom  
Well, tonight thank God it's them  
Instead of you

And there won't be snow in Africa this Christmas time  
The greatest gift they'll get this year is life  
When nothing ever grows, no rain or rivers flow  
Do they know it's Christmas time at all?

Here's to you - raise a glass for everyone  
Here's to them, underneath that burning sun  
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